

Public Health Omnibus Bill House File 2555

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**House Appropriations
Committee**
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Executive Summary Only

An Act providing for specified changes regarding programs under the purview of the Department of Public Health, providing a penalty, and making an appropriation.

**Fiscal Services Division
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NOTES ON BILLS AND AMENDMENTS (NOBA)

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY NOTES ON BILLS AND AMENDMENTS

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SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO THE CODE OF IOWA

- Establishes a Gifts and Grants Fund in Section 135.39A, Code of Iowa, separate from the State General Fund for the deposit of gift or grant moneys obtained by the Department of Public Health from any source, including the federal government.
- Appropriates the funds deposited into the Gifts and Grants Fund to the Department for the purposes specified in the gift or grant and requires that moneys remaining in the fund at the end of each fiscal year remain available for expenditure in future fiscal years.
- Provides for various technical and substantive changes to programs under the Department of Public Health.
- Establishes Section 156.16, Code of Iowa, that permits the Board of Mortuary Science Examiners to investigate the unlicensed practice of funeral directors and funeral and cremation establishments and to impose a civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000 for unlicensed activities related to mortuary science. Civil penalties imposed and collected for this type of unlicensed activity would be deposited into the General Fund.

FISCAL IMPACT

- The amount of gift and grant funds that will be received and available for use by the Department of Public Health is unknown.
- The amount of civil penalties that would be imposed and collected for unlicensed activities related to mortuary science and deposited into the General Fund is unknown. In FY 2003, there were no convictions of individuals practicing unlicensed mortuary science.